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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. MADRID PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE MODERATELY HEAVY
COVERAGE TO CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. COMMENTARY HAS BEEN
LIMITED, ALMOST CERTAINLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ANY
SPECIFIC NEWS.

2. LIBERAL LEFT EL PAIS, UNDER A HEADLINE "CARTER SEEKS
TO OBTAIN NEW CONCESSIONS FROM BEGIN" SAID: "IT HAS
BEEN RUMORED, WITHOUT OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION, THAT THE
ISRAELIS PRESENTED THEIR NEW PROPOSALS FOR PEACE TO
CARTER ON SUNDAY AND THAT THEY WERE TAKEN TO SADAT.
THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION STUDIED THEM ON MONDAY AND,
IT SEEMS, REACTED COLDLY TO THEM...ACCORDING TO ALL
INDICATIONS SADAT AND HUSSEIN (WITH WHOM SADAT TALKED
BY TELEPHONE) DO NOT CONSIDER THE ISRAELI EXAMPLES
OF FLEXIBILITY, WHICH BEGIN INCLUDED IN HIS PROPOSALS,
SUFFICIENT AND THE NORTH AMERICANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO
OBTAIN NEW CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL, A DIFFICULT TASK.

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3. CATHOLIC CENTRIST "YA" AFTER POINTING OUT THE
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED NOTED "THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IS ATTEMPTING PERSONALLY TO FIND A
COMPROMISE FORMULA TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES WHICH
EXIST BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL OVER THE FUTURE OF THE
PALESTINIAN ARABS."

4. SENSATIONALIST ARIBA, AFTER DESCRIBING THE KEY ROLE OF KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SAID "HOWEVER, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES BELIEVE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE HUSSEIN TO RISK HIS DELICATE BALANCING ACT BETWEEN THE MODERATE AND RADICAL FACTIONS OF THE REGION, UNLESS ISRAEL COMMITS ITSELF TO A SPECIFIC COMPROMISE IN UNMISTAKABLE LANGUAGE."

5. LEFT SENSATIONALIST DIARIO 16, AFTER NOTING THE SUMMIT WOULD PROBABLY END TODAY, SAID: "WITH ALL INDICATIONS LEADING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL END WITH FEW RESULTS, THE U.S. INTENSIFIED YESTERDAY ITS MEDIATION EFFORTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A COMPROMISE FORMULA TO RESOLVE THE FUTURE OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION PALESTINIAN ARABS LIVING UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL." VALLIMARESCU

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